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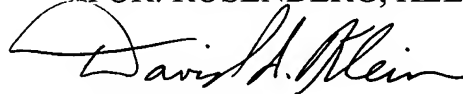
REMARKS

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 7 February 2005. Responsive to the rejections made in the Office Action, Claims 1 - 7 have been cancelled by this Amendment. Thus, Claims 8 - 19 remain in this case.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hartung et al, U.S. Patent #6,804,294. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hartung et al. in view of Tahara et al, U.S. Patent #5,164,828. However, Claims 8 - 19 were allowed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this case, Claims 1 - 7 have been cancelled by this Amendment. Therefore, it is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for examination and such action is respectfully requested.

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